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Participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

Draft decision submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations

Modalities of participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/163 of 17 December 2015 concerning national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, in which the Assembly encouraged all relevant United Nations mechanisms and processes, in accordance with their respective mandates, including the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, to further enhance the participation of national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles and to allow for their contribution to these United Nations mechanisms and processes, bearing in mind the relevant provisions dealing with their participation contained in General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, 5/2 and 16/21 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/74,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, which reaffirmed the important and constructive role played by national human rights institutions, in particular in their advisory capacity to the competent authorities and their role in preventing and remedying human rights violations, in disseminating information on human rights and in education in human rights,

Decides:

(a) To invite national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles to participate in its work, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

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(b) That accreditation to each session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing will be granted, upon request, to national human rights institutions which are accredited by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions and are in full compliance with the Paris Principles, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/134 of 20 December 1993 ("A" status institutions), in line with the criteria agreed upon by the Global Alliance at its 19th session in March 2007;

(c) That the Secretariat shall circulate to all States members of the Open-ended Working Group a list of applications for accreditation received from national human rights institutions in full compliance with the Paris Principles, with the names of their representatives, no less than four weeks prior to each session of the Working Group.